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GlacierAtty Gen Ashcroft,

I want to thank you for your hard work for our nation under difficult circumstances and unwarranted scrutiny.

I am writing in support to some sort of end to this expensive ringer that Microsoft is being put through. I would say that if, indeed, Microsoft is guilty of a crime that I would be happy to see the perpetrators brought to justice, even if the process is costly. However, it also seems to me that in-as-much as Microsoft has competitors, the overall case is unjustifiable on the surface. It appears to me that the case is a remnant of the Clinton administration that needs to be brought to a close (we all need closure from that administration).

I wonder how those bend on Microsoft's demise would feel if the government had decided that rather than spending \$1,000,000 on litigation they would award \$500,000 to Microsoft's number one competitor to develop a more competitive operating system to assure that Microsoft hadn't such an advantage in the market place. This of course would cut tax-payers expenditures in half. Of course, this notion is cockeyed, but it would have shown more responsibility with the taxpayer's purse than Janet Reno was want to do when this whole thing started.

Once again, thank you for all your efforts. I'm glad that you were confirmed and I feel confident that you bring a positive chord to the new Bush chorus which is serving the country well in this time of crisis.

As a final note, I pray that your office is concerned with expediting the process of finding and punishing our citizen, two-bit, homegrown terrorists. I feel very confident that we can handle every foreign threat if only we can eliminate the threats from the Timothy McVie's of our homeland. I'm much more concerned about threats from within from Uni-bombers than from long-range bombers and I fear the wrongs committed by power-hungry politicians elected at home than from foreign regimes who exercise authority over cactus and rocks. Most of all I fear the judgments of God more than man and I hope that your office can hand back to the people the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience wherever they be - home, class, court or elsewhere. I believe the less we fear man, the more apt we become to fear God again, an guiding light this country needs - personal responsibility based on Judeo-Christian values so that strict laws and punishments become less needed and hence, considerably less costly to enforce.

Sincerely

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